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## Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Bryan Fischmann

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 October 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-42 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-42 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

1. This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

Species I – (Cart of Figures 1 and 2)

Subspecies I - Retaining Mechanism

2<sup>nd</sup> Subspecies I (Retaining Mechanism 128 of Figures 1-3)

2<sup>nd</sup> Subspecies II (Retaining Mechanism of Figure 4).

Subspecies II – Platform Retention Arrangement

2<sup>nd</sup> Subspecies I (Retaining Mechanism 154 of Figures 1 and 2)

2<sup>nd</sup> Subspecies II (Retaining Mechanism of Figure 5)

2<sup>nd</sup> Subspecies III (Retaining Mechanism of Figure 6)

Subspecies III – Retainer Assembly

2<sup>nd</sup> Subspecies I (Retainer Assembly 164 of Figures 1 and 2)

2<sup>nd</sup> Subspecies II (Retainer Assembly of Figure 7)

Species II – (Cart of Figure 8)

Subspecies I - Retaining Mechanism

2<sup>nd</sup> Subspecies I (Retaining Mechanism 128 of Figures 1-3 – not shown for Species II, but described in paragraph 0033)

2<sup>nd</sup> Subspecies II (Retaining Mechanism of Figure 4).

Subspecies II – Brake

2<sup>nd</sup> subspecies I (no brake – paragraph 0037)

2<sup>nd</sup> subspecies II (brake – Figure 8)

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species and subspecies (including "2<sup>nd</sup> subspecies") for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, 1, 27 and 35 are generic.

Applicant is advised that a reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a).


Should applicant traverse on the ground that the species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of the other invention.

2. A telephone call is normally made prior to sending-out a written election requirement. However, per Section 812.01 of the MPEP, a telephone call is not

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required if the species election is considered complex, as is the case for this Instant Application.

3. An questions regarding this species election should be directed to Bryan Fischmann at (703)306-5955. On, or about 04-06-2005, the Examiner's new number will be (571)272-6694. The Examiner's supervisor, Chris Ellis, may be reached at (703)308-2560.

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BRYAN FISCHMANN  
PRIMARY EXAMINER